

4. (Amended) An external skin patch according to claim 1, in which the drug-containing base contains the local anesthetic in an amount of 0.1 - 50% by weight.

5. (Amended) An external skin patch according to claim 1, in which the drug-containing base contains the nonsteroidal antiphlogistic analgesic agent in an amount of 0.05 - 10% by weight.

*Kindly add the following new claim:*

6. An external skin patch according to claim 1, in which the local anesthetic comprises one or more kinds of compounds selected from the group consisting of lidocaine and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and the nonsteroidal antiphlogistic analgesic agent comprises one or more kinds of compounds selected from the group consisting of indomethacin, felbinac, diclofenac and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.